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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NEW MALIAN POLITICAL PARTY-A PREVIEW

1. A HIGHLY-PLACED GOM OFFICIAL HAS GIVEN THIS EMBASSY ADVANCE COPIES OF THE STATUTES AND BY-LAWS OF THE NEW MALIAN POLITICAL PARTY, UNION DEMOCRATIC DU PEUPLE MALIEN, U.D.P.M., WHICH IS TO BE ESTABLISHED ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, SEPT. 22. THE STATUTES SHOW THE PARTY COMPOSED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL OF COMMITTEES, SUB-SECTIONS AND SECTIONS, AND, AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, OF A CONGRESSWA NATIONAL COUNCIL AND

AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE IS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE NEW RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION TO HAVE AN EXPLICIT ROLE IN THE PARTY STRUCTURE.

2. EMBASSY'S SOURCE SAYS THAT PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE LIKE VICE-PRESIDENT BABA DIARRA AND
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SECURITY CHIEF TIECORO BAGAYOKO ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT

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THE PROSPECT
OF SHARING THEIR AUTHORITY AND ARE NOTABLY
RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE PARTY'S FUTURE. PRESIDENT
TRAORE HAS SHOWN UNCHARACTERISTIC AUDACITY BY SETTING
UP THE PARTY I
N ITS PRESENT FORM AND THUS RETURNING
POLITICAL POWER TO CIVILIANS. OUR SOURCE SEES THE
NEXT FEW DAYS AS CRITICAL. ALL MALI IS WAITING TO
SEE IF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL PERMIT THE PRESIDENT
TO SET UP THE PARTY OR IF SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL
LAUNCH A PREEMPTIVE COUP.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT SORY COULIBALY WILL TAKE A HIGH PARTY POST.
MINISTER OF STATE ENTERPRISES SEKOU SANGARE IS LIKELY
TO BE SACKED. ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, THE PRESIDENT
MIGHT WELL ANNOUNCE A GENERAL MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE AS
WELL AS THE FORMATION OF THE NEW POLITICAL PARTY.
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